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ABSTRACT

Data on 1976-1984 college and university enrollment trends are presented, based on the Higher Education General Information Survey. Information is provided on higher education enrollments by control and level of institution, student sex, and full-time and part-time attendance status. Trends in enrollment are for the 50 states and the District of Columbia, along with data for undergraduate, graduate, unclassified, and first-professional students at public and private institutions. Total enrollment rose annually from 11 million in 1976 to 12.5 million in 1983, a total increase of 13%. Enrollment in 1984 was the lowest since fall 1980. The traditional college-going population age group began to decrease in 1982. About 96% of the increase in total enrollment from 1976 to 1984 occurred among women. The changes in enrollment occurred more among part-time students (20%) than among those attending full-time (6%). One factor in the increase of part-time enrollment was the increased enrollment of students 25 years old and older. Female part-time students increased 45% over the 8-year period. Public institutions accounted for 94% of total two-year college enrollments in 1984. (SW)

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Introduction

Data in this report are derived from the 1976 through 1984 surveys of Fall Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education[1] conducted by the U.S. Department of Education's Center for Education Statistics. These surveys were part of the annual Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS) conducted each year.

These data are summarized and presented in this report to show enrollment trends. All data in this report through 1982 were either published previously or derived from data files that were released previously. Enrollment data for 1983 and 1984 by level of institution (2-year vs. 4-year — which includes universities and other 4-year institutions) are new.

The selection of 1976 as the initial year of this report was made because the data by level of student (i.e., undergraduate, first-professional, graduate, and unclassified) were reported somewhat differently prior to that year.

The discussions that follow are in the order of the tables at the end of this report. These tables give detailed data as well as selected percentage changes for each year 1976 through 1984.

Overall View

Total enrollment rose annually from 11 million in 1976 to 12.5 million in 1983, a total increase of 13 percent, and then dropped back to 12.2 million in 1984 (see table A). The 1984 enrollment was the lowest since fall 1980.

As shown in table A, the traditional college-going population age group began to decrease in 1982. While the percent of students 25 years of age and older has increased, more than half of all students (57 percent in 1983 as compared with 69 percent in 1976) were still in the 18-24 age range.[2]

Table A. — Total population 18–24 years old and total enrollment in colleges and universities, 50 States and D.C.: 1976–84

	Total Population 18 to 24 years old[3]	Total Enrollment
	(in millions)	
1976	28.6	11.0
1977	29.2	11.3
1978	29.6	11.3
1979	30.0	11.6
1980	30.3	12.1
1981	30.4	12.4
1982	30.3	12.4
1983	29.9	12.5
1984	29.4	12.2

[3]Ibid.

Enrollment Trends by Sex

About 96 percent of the increase in total enrollment from 1976 to 1984 occurred among women. This reversed the predominance of the sexes among college students during this period (see chart A). Whereas in the fall of 1976, women represented 47 percent of total enrollment, they represented 52 percent in 1984.

Most of the growth in enrollment among women (a 23 percent increase) occurred from 1976 to 1981. Since then, the enrollment of women has remained fairly steady. There was more fluctuation in male enrollment during the 1976-84 time period. As shown in chart A, male enrollment declined from 1976 to 1977 and fell to a low of 5.6 million in 1978. At that point, male enrollment began increasing to a high of 6 million in 1982 and has since declined to 5.9 million in 1984.

[1]For clarification of the term "Institutions of Higher Education" see "Survey Background" section of this report.

[2]Source: U.S. Department of Education., National Center for Education Statistics, *The Condition of Education, 1985 Edition*; Washington, D.C.; U.S. Government Printing Office, 1985.

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Chart A.—Trend in enrollment by sex 1976-84

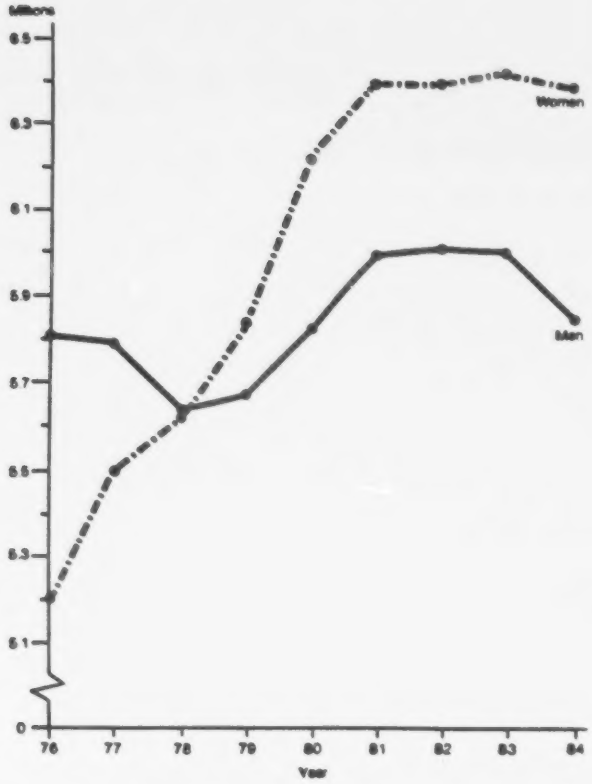
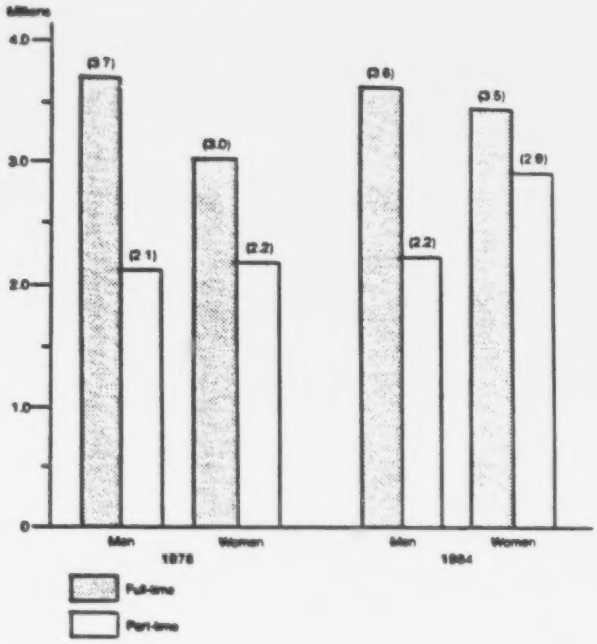


Chart B.—Full-time and part-time enrollment for men and women, 1976 and 1984



Attendance Status

The changes in enrollment between 1976 and 1984 occurred more among part-time students (20 percent) than among those attending full time (6 percent) (see table 1 and chart B). This was especially so for female part-time students, whose enrollment increased by 34 percent over the period. Increases in the enrollment of women attending part time accounted for 60 percent of the total 1.2 million enrollment increase from 1976 to 1984.

One factor in the increase of part-time enrollment was the increased enrollment of students 25 years old and older during this period. The enrollment of these older students increased from 4 million in 1976 to 5.1 million in 1983. In 1983, an estimated 3.8 million, or 74 percent of these students were enrolled part time.[4]

Among both full-time and part-time students, women had larger changes in attendance status than men between 1976 and 1984. Male full-time students were still the largest group among the four attendance status-groups in 1984 despite an actual decrease since 1976 of 2 percent. Male part-time students, the smallest of the four enrollment groups in 1976, remained the smallest in 1984 with an increase of 5 percent. As already noted, female part-time students had the largest increase, 34 percent, whereas female full-time students increased by 15 percent (see chart B).

[4]Source: *The Condition of Education, 1985 Edition*

Control of Institution

More than three-fourths of all college and university students attended public institutions throughout the 1976–84 time period. However, private enrollment, which increased from 21 percent of total enrollment in 1976 to 23 percent in 1984, accounted for over one-third of the growth. One reason was the entrance into the private collegiate universe in 1980 of schools accredited by the National Association of Trade and Technical Schools (NATTS). As of fall 1984, there were 109 such private schools in the collegiate universe enrolling 76,000 students.[5]

Changes differed between public and private institutions in the 1976–84 time period. Public enrollment in fall 1984 was 9 percent larger than in 1976, while private enrollment was 18 percent larger at the same time (see table 1). Public institutions showed a slight setback in 1978, declined in 1983, and continued to decline in 1984, while private institutions continued to grow until 1983, showing no growth in 1984.

Type of Institution

Education enrollment changes in the 1976–84 time period differed significantly between 4-year and 2-year institutions. At 4-year institutions, the growth in enrollment in the 1976–84 time period was fairly gradual (see table 2). The overall growth was 8 percent. Among the various cate-

[5]Source: U.S. Department of Education, Center for Education Statistics, "unpublished tabulation."

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gories of enrollment, 4-year institutions mirrored the trends of total enrollments — namely:

a) Private institutions grew at twice the rate of public institutions;
b) Almost all growth was among female students; and
c) Part-time enrollment increased faster than full-time enrollment.

At 2-year institutions enrollment grew by 23 percent between 1976 and 1982, when it reached a peak, and has dropped by 5 percent between 1982 and 1984. This peak occurred among men and women, among full-time and part-time students, and at the public institutions which accounted for 94 percent of total 2-year college enrollment in 1984 (see table 3). Enrollment in 2-year private institutions doubled between 1976 and 1984. However, this represents an increase of less than 140,000 students.

Level of Student

Because undergraduates account for more than three-fourths of total enrollment throughout the 1976–84 time period, it is expected that trends described above for total enrollment apply to undergraduate enrollment. Namely, the increase in female undergraduate students attending college on a part-time basis, was the major factor in the total increase among undergraduate students (table 4). Female part-time students increased 45 percent over the 8-year period compared to 13 percent for total undergraduate enrollment.

Among first-professional male and female students,[6] different trends emerged in the 1976–84 time period. Males showed increases in enrollment each year between 1976 and 1980 and decreases each year between 1980 and 1984, to the point where the 1984 enrollment was the lowest of any year in the 1976–84 time period (table 5). Female students, on the other hand, showed steady and continuous increase in first-professional enrollment between 1976 and 1984 increasing by 72 percent.

Graduate enrollment showed the smallest increase among all types of students during the 1976–84 period — 3 percent (table 6). This increase, however, was not consistent when considering institutional control, sex, or attendance status of the students. Private institutions showed a 19 percent increase while public institutions had a 5 percent decline; female students showed an 11 percent increase while male students had a 4 percent decline; and full-time enrollment increased 8 percent, while part-time enrollment decreased by 1 percent.

[6]First-professional students are those enrolled in a professional school or program which required at least 2 academic years of college work for entrance and a total of at least 6 years for a degree. Only students taking programs in the fields of chiropractic, dentistry, law, medicine, optometry, osteopathy, pharmacy, podiatry, theology, and veterinary medicine are included.

Unclassified students (i.e., those that cannot be classified as undergraduate, first-professional, or graduate) remained the second largest of the four student levels throughout the 1976–84 period (table 7). These students are predominantly part-time students at public institutions.

Survey Background

This publication contains selected results of the 1976–84 annual surveys, "Fall Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education," conducted by the U.S. Department of Education, Center for Education Statistics, as part of the annual Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS). Each year, survey forms were sent to all institutions of higher education recognized by the Department of Education as accredited and listed in the "Education Directory, Colleges and Universities."

Table B shows the total number of institutions of higher education, the number of responding institutions and the number and percent that did not respond for 1976 through 1984. Data used in this report include imputations for nonresponding institutions in each year based on the previous year's response or on data from peer institutions. For more details on the individual year, see the Fall Enrollment in Colleges and Universities report for that year.

Data have been compiled annually as part of the HEGIS program since 1966, and the origins of the fall enrollment survey extend back to the early 1900's. The survey instrument has not changed appreciably since 1976, thus preserving the reporting consistency needed for statistical analyses.

Table B. — Number of institutions of higher education and responsiveness to the Opening Fall Enrollment Survey, by year 1976–84: 50 States and D.C.

Year	Total Number of Institutions	Responding Institutions	Non-responding Institutions	Percent Nonresponse
1984	3379	3176	203	6.0
1983	3284	3196	88	2.7
1982	3282	3220	62	1.9
1981	3253	3204	49	1.5
1980	3231	3226	5	0.2
1979	3152	3150	2	0.1
1978	3134	3132	2	0.1
1977	3095	3093	2	0.1
1976	3046	3041	5	0.2

Table 1.--Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education by Attendance Status, Sex, and Institutional Control: 50 States and D.C., Fall 1976-Fall 1984

	Total			Full-time			Part-time		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Total Enrollment									
All Institutions									
1984	12,241,940	5,863,574	6,378,366	7,098,388	3,647,509	3,450,879	5,143,552	2,216,065	2,927,487
1983	12,464,661	6,023,725	6,440,936	7,261,050	3,759,787	3,501,263	5,203,611	2,263,938	2,939,673
1982	12,425,780	6,031,384	6,394,396	7,220,618	3,752,955	3,467,663	5,205,162	2,278,429	2,926,733
1981	12,371,672	5,975,056	6,396,616	7,181,250	3,712,837	3,468,413	5,190,422	2,262,219	2,928,203
1980	12,096,895	5,874,374	6,222,521	7,097,958	3,689,244	3,408,714	4,998,937	2,185,130	2,813,807
1979	11,569,899	5,682,877	5,887,022	6,794,039	3,542,893	3,251,146	4,775,860	2,139,984	2,635,876
1978	11,260,092	5,640,998	5,619,094	6,667,657	3,527,506	3,140,151	4,592,435	2,113,492	2,478,943
1977	11,285,787	5,789,016	5,496,771	6,792,925	3,650,300	3,142,625	4,492,862	2,138,716	2,354,146
1976	11,012,137	5,810,828	5,201,309	6,717,058	3,703,625	3,013,433	4,295,079	2,107,203	2,187,876
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	-1.8%	-2.7%	-1.0%	-2.2%	-3.0%	-1.4%	-1.2%	-2.1%	-0.4%
3 years ago	-1.0%	-1.9%	-0.3%	-1.2%	-1.8%	-0.5%	-0.9%	-2.0%	0.0%
5 years ago	5.8%	3.2%	8.3%	4.5%	3.0%	6.1%	7.7%	3.6%	11.1%
8 years ago	11.2%	0.9%	22.6%	5.7%	-1.5%	14.5%	19.8%	5.2%	33.8%
Public Institutions									
1984	9,459,592	4,466,026	4,993,566	5,143,573	2,640,119	2,503,454	4,316,019	1,825,907	2,490,112
1983	9,682,734	4,610,038	5,072,696	5,299,115	2,737,067	2,562,048	4,383,619	1,872,971	2,510,648
1982	9,696,087	4,632,888	5,063,199	5,284,092	2,739,928	2,544,164	4,411,995	1,892,960	2,519,035
1981	9,647,032	4,586,800	5,060,232	5,246,505	2,702,881	2,543,624	4,400,527	1,883,919	2,516,608
1980	9,457,394	4,522,587	4,934,807	5,187,686	2,685,268	2,502,418	4,269,708	1,837,319	2,432,389
1979	9,036,822	4,368,979	4,667,843	4,961,147	2,571,120	2,390,027	4,075,675	1,797,859	2,277,816
1978	8,785,893	4,331,449	4,454,444	4,874,983	2,561,114	2,313,869	3,910,910	1,770,335	2,140,575
1977	8,846,993	4,473,155	4,373,838	5,022,821	2,677,994	2,344,827	3,824,172	1,795,161	2,029,011
1976	8,653,477	4,506,897	4,146,580	4,994,979	2,736,865	2,258,114	3,658,498	1,770,032	1,888,466
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	-2.3%	-3.1%	-1.6%	-2.9%	-3.5%	-2.3%	-1.5%	-2.5%	-0.8%
3 years ago	-1.9%	-2.6%	-1.3%	-2.0%	-2.3%	-1.6%	-1.9%	-3.1%	-1.1%
5 years ago	4.7%	2.2%	7.0%	3.7%	2.7%	4.7%	5.9%	1.6%	9.3%
8 years ago	9.3%	-0.9%	20.4%	3.0%	-3.5%	10.9%	18.0%	3.2%	31.9%
Private Institutions									
1984	2,782,348	1,397,548	1,384,800	1,954,815	1,007,390	947,425	827,533	390,158	437,375
1983	2,781,927	1,413,687	1,368,240	1,961,935	1,022,720	939,215	819,992	390,967	429,025
1982	2,729,693	1,398,496	1,331,197	1,936,526	1,013,027	923,499	793,167	385,469	407,698
1981	2,724,640	1,388,256	1,336,384	1,934,745	1,009,956	924,789	789,895	378,300	411,595
1980	2,639,501	1,351,787	1,287,714	1,910,272	1,003,976	906,296	729,229	347,811	381,418
1979	2,533,077	1,313,898	1,219,179	1,832,892	971,773	861,119	700,185	342,125	358,060
1978	2,474,199	1,309,549	1,164,650	1,792,674	966,392	826,282	681,525	343,157	338,368
1977	2,438,794	1,315,861	1,122,933	1,770,104	972,306	797,798	668,690	343,555	325,135
1976	2,358,660	1,303,931	1,054,729	1,722,079	966,760	755,319	636,581	337,171	299,410
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	0.0%	-1.1%	1.2%	-0.4%	-1.5%	0.9%	0.9%	-0.2%	1.9%
3 years ago	2.1%	0.7%	3.6%	1.0%	-0.3%	2.4%	4.8%	3.1%	6.3%
5 years ago	9.8%	6.4%	13.6%	6.7%	3.7%	10.0%	18.2%	14.0%	22.2%
8 years ago	18.0%	7.2%	31.3%	13.5%	4.2%	25.4%	30.0%	15.7%	46.1%

Table 2.--Enrollment in 4-Year Institutions of Higher Education by Attendance Status, Sex, and Institutional Control: 50 States and D.C., Fall 1976-Fall 1984

	Total			Full-time			Part-time		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
4-Year Enrollment									
All Institutions									
1984	7,711,167	3,846,974	3,864,193	5,394,599	2,806,161	2,588,438	2,316,568	1,040,813	1,275,755
1983	7,741,195	3,892,616	3,848,579	5,434,249	2,845,083	2,589,166	2,306,946	1,047,533	1,259,413
1982	7,654,074	3,861,222	3,792,852	5,380,793	2,822,274	2,558,519	2,273,281	1,038,948	1,234,333
1981	7,655,461	3,850,591	3,804,870	5,385,276	2,815,107	2,570,169	2,270,185	1,035,484	1,234,701
1980	7,570,608	3,827,341	3,743,267	5,344,163	2,809,528	2,534,635	2,226,445	1,017,813	1,208,632
1979	7,353,233	3,760,872	3,592,361	5,202,208	2,756,182	2,446,026	2,151,025	1,004,690	1,146,335
1978	7,231,951	3,755,817	3,476,134	5,109,344	2,741,370	2,367,974	2,122,607	1,014,447	1,108,160
1977	7,242,845	3,824,235	3,418,610	5,138,607	2,798,201	2,340,406	2,104,238	1,026,034	1,078,204
1976	7,128,816	3,830,684	3,298,132	5,052,884	2,799,611	2,253,273	2,075,932	1,031,073	1,044,859
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	-0.4%	-1.2%	0.4%	-0.7%	-1.4%	0.0%	0.4%	-0.6%	1.3%
3 years ago	0.7%	-0.1%	1.6%	0.2%	-0.3%	0.7%	2.0%	0.5%	3.3%
5 years ago	4.9%	2.3%	7.6%	3.7%	1.8%	5.8%	7.7%	3.6%	11.3%
8 years ago	8.2%	0.4%	17.2%	6.8%	0.2%	14.9%	11.6%	0.9%	22.1%
Public Institutions									
1984	5,198,273	2,574,584	2,623,689	3,629,275	1,880,078	1,749,197	1,568,998	694,506	874,492
1983	5,223,404	2,607,833	2,615,571	3,665,325	1,910,181	1,755,144	1,558,079	697,652	860,427
1982	5,176,434	2,587,397	2,589,037	3,623,771	1,889,326	1,734,445	1,552,663	698,071	854,592
1981	5,166,324	2,567,835	2,598,489	3,616,635	1,876,260	1,740,375	1,549,689	691,575	858,114
1980	5,128,612	2,558,448	2,570,164	3,592,193	1,873,397	1,718,796	1,536,419	685,051	851,368
1979	4,980,012	2,508,306	2,471,706	3,493,899	1,832,422	1,661,477	1,486,113	675,884	810,229
1978	4,912,203	2,509,363	2,402,840	3,435,770	1,822,494	1,613,276	1,476,433	686,869	789,564
1977	4,945,224	2,569,710	2,375,514	3,478,854	1,872,829	1,606,025	1,466,370	696,881	769,489
1976	4,901,691	2,587,828	2,313,863	3,433,365	1,878,843	1,554,522	1,468,326	708,985	759,341
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	-0.5%	-1.3%	0.3%	-1.0%	-1.6%	-0.3%	0.7%	-0.5%	1.6%
3 years ago	0.6%	0.3%	1.0%	0.3%	0.2%	0.5%	1.2%	0.4%	1.9%
5 years ago	4.4%	2.6%	6.1%	3.9%	2.6%	5.3%	5.6%	2.8%	7.9%
8 years ago	6.1%	-0.5%	13.4%	5.7%	0.1%	12.5%	6.9%	-2.0%	15.2%
Private Institutions									
1984	2,512,894	1,272,390	1,240,504	1,765,324	926,083	839,241	747,570	346,307	401,263
1983	2,517,791	1,284,783	1,233,008	1,768,924	934,902	834,022	748,867	349,881	398,986
1982	2,477,640	1,273,825	1,203,815	1,757,022	932,948	824,074	720,618	340,877	379,741
1981	2,489,137	1,282,756	1,206,381	1,768,641	938,847	829,794	720,496	343,909	376,587
1980	2,441,996	1,268,893	1,173,103	1,751,970	936,131	815,839	690,026	332,762	357,264
1979	2,373,221	1,252,566	1,120,655	1,708,309	923,760	784,549	664,912	328,806	336,106
1978	2,319,748	1,246,454	1,073,294	1,673,574	918,876	754,698	646,174	327,578	318,596
1977	2,297,621	1,254,525	1,043,096	1,659,753	925,372	734,381	637,868	329,153	308,715
1976	2,227,125	1,242,856	984,269	1,619,519	920,768	698,751	607,606	322,088	285,518
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	-0.2%	-1.0%	0.6%	-0.2%	-0.9%	0.6%	-0.2%	-1.0%	0.6%
3 years ago	1.0%	-0.8%	2.8%	-0.2%	-1.4%	1.1%	3.8%	0.7%	6.6%
5 years ago	5.9%	1.6%	10.7%	3.3%	0.3%	7.0%	12.4%	5.3%	19.4%
8 years ago	12.8%	2.4%	26.0%	9.0%	0.6%	20.1%	23.0%	7.5%	40.5%

Table 3.--Enrollment in 2-Year Institutions of Higher Education by Attendance Status, Sex, and Institutional Control: 50 States and D.C., Fall 1976-Fall 1984

	Total			Full-time			Part-time		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
2-Year Enrollment									
All Institutions									
1984	4,530,773	2,016,600	2,514,173	1,703,789	841,348	862,441	2,826,984	1,175,252	1,651,732
1983	4,723,466	2,131,109	2,592,357	1,826,801	914,704	912,097	2,896,665	1,216,405	1,680,260
1982	4,771,706	2,170,162	2,601,544	1,839,825	930,681	909,144	2,931,881	1,239,481	1,692,400
1981	4,716,211	2,124,465	2,591,746	1,795,974	897,730	898,244	2,920,237	1,226,735	1,693,502
1980	4,526,287	2,047,033	2,479,254	1,753,795	879,716	874,079	2,772,492	1,167,317	1,605,175
1979	4,216,666	1,922,005	2,294,661	1,591,831	786,711	805,120	2,624,835	1,135,294	1,489,541
1978	4,028,141	1,885,181	2,142,960	1,558,313	786,136	772,177	2,469,828	1,099,045	1,370,783
1977	4,042,942	1,964,781	2,078,161	1,654,318	852,099	802,219	2,388,624	1,112,682	1,275,942
1976	3,883,321	1,980,144	1,903,177	1,664,174	904,014	760,160	2,219,147	1,076,130	1,143,017
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	-4.1%	-5.4%	-3.0%	-6.7%	-8.0%	-5.4%	-2.4%	-3.4%	-1.7%
3 years ago	-3.9%	-5.1%	-3.0%	-5.1%	-6.3%	-4.0%	-3.2%	-4.2%	-2.5%
5 years ago	7.4%	4.9%	9.6%	7.0%	6.9%	7.1%	7.7%	3.5%	10.9%
8 years ago	16.7%	1.8%	32.1%	2.4%	-6.9%	13.5%	27.4%	9.2%	44.5%
Public Institutions									
1984	4,261,319	1,891,442	2,369,877	1,514,298	760,041	754,257	2,747,021	1,131,401	1,615,620
1983	4,459,330	2,002,205	2,457,125	1,633,790	826,886	806,904	2,825,540	1,175,319	1,650,221
1982	4,519,653	2,045,491	2,474,162	1,660,321	850,602	809,719	2,859,332	1,194,889	1,664,443
1981	4,480,708	2,018,965	2,461,743	1,629,870	826,621	803,249	2,850,838	1,192,344	1,658,494
1980	4,328,782	1,964,139	2,364,643	1,595,493	811,871	783,622	2,733,289	1,152,268	1,581,021
1979	4,056,810	1,860,673	2,196,137	1,467,248	738,698	728,550	2,589,562	1,121,975	1,467,587
1978	3,873,690	1,822,086	2,051,604	1,439,213	738,620	700,593	2,434,477	1,083,466	1,351,011
1977	3,901,769	1,903,445	1,998,324	1,543,967	805,165	738,802	2,357,802	1,098,280	1,259,522
1976	3,751,786	1,919,069	1,832,717	1,561,614	858,022	703,592	2,190,172	1,061,047	1,129,125
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	-4.4%	-5.5%	-3.6%	-7.3%	-8.1%	-6.5%	-2.8%	-3.7%	-2.1%
3 years ago	-4.9%	-6.3%	-3.7%	-7.1%	-8.1%	-6.1%	-3.6%	-5.1%	-2.6%
5 years ago	5.0%	1.7%	7.9%	3.2%	2.9%	3.5%	6.1%	0.8%	10.1%
8 years ago	13.6%	-1.4%	29.3%	-3.0%	-11.4%	7.2%	25.4%	6.6%	43.1%
Private Institutions									
1984	269,454	125,158	144,296	189,491	81,307	108,184	79,963	43,851	36,112
1983	264,136	128,904	135,232	193,011	87,818	105,193	71,125	41,086	30,039
1982	252,053	124,671	127,382	179,504	80,079	99,425	72,549	44,592	27,957
1981	235,503	105,500	130,003	166,104	71,109	94,995	69,399	34,391	35,008
1980	197,505	82,894	114,611	158,302	67,845	90,457	39,203	15,049	24,154
1979	159,856	61,332	98,524	124,583	48,013	76,570	35,273	13,319	21,954
1978	154,451	63,095	91,356	119,100	47,516	71,584	35,351	15,579	19,772
1977	141,173	61,336	79,837	110,351	46,934	63,417	30,822	14,402	16,420
1976	131,535	61,075	70,460	102,560	45,992	56,568	28,975	15,083	13,892
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	2.0%	-2.9%	6.7%	-1.8%	-7.4%	2.8%	12.4%	6.7%	20.2%
3 years ago	14.4%	18.6%	11.0%	14.1%	14.3%	13.9%	15.2%	27.5%	3.2%
5 years ago	68.6%	104.1%	46.5%	52.1%	69.3%	41.3%	126.7%	229.2%	64.5%
8 years ago	104.9%	104.9%	104.8%	84.8%	76.8%	91.2%	176.0%	190.7%	159.9%

Table 4.--Undergraduate Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education by Attendance Status, Sex, and Institutional Control: 50 States and D.C., Fall 1976-Fall 1984

	Total			Full-time			Part-time		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Undergraduate Enrollment									
All Institutions									
1984	9,505,798	4,545,316	4,960,482	6,205,199	3,121,830	3,083,369	3,300,599	1,423,466	1,877,113
1983	9,707,171	4,678,321	5,028,850	6,363,707	3,226,937	3,136,770	3,343,464	1,451,384	1,892,080
1982	9,620,909	4,659,997	4,960,912	6,316,653	3,213,808	3,102,845	3,304,256	1,446,189	1,858,067
1981	9,504,971	4,578,005	4,926,966	6,291,905	3,180,801	3,111,104	3,213,066	1,397,204	1,815,862
1980	9,267,748	4,490,932	4,776,816	6,201,357	3,145,641	3,055,716	3,066,391	1,345,291	1,721,100
1979	8,820,657	4,305,462	4,515,195	5,924,901	3,006,806	2,918,095	2,895,756	1,298,656	1,597,100
1978	8,585,115	4,274,793	4,310,322	5,812,803	2,990,475	2,822,328	2,772,309	1,284,315	1,487,994
1977	8,654,641	4,399,908	4,254,733	5,943,824	3,107,672	2,836,152	2,710,817	1,292,236	1,418,581
1976	8,443,461	4,426,509	4,016,952	5,880,223	3,159,135	2,721,088	2,563,238	1,267,374	1,295,864
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	-2.1%	-2.8%	-1.4%	-2.5%	-3.3%	-1.7%	-1.3%	-1.9%	-0.8%
3 years ago	0.0%	-0.7%	0.7%	-1.4%	-1.9%	-0.9%	2.7%	1.9%	3.4%
5 years ago	7.8%	5.6%	9.9%	4.7%	3.8%	5.7%	14.0%	9.6%	17.5%
8 years ago	12.6%	2.7%	23.5%	5.5%	-1.2%	13.3%	28.8%	12.3%	44.9%
Public Institutions									
1984	7,528,709	3,582,886	3,945,823	4,592,702	2,327,115	2,265,587	2,936,007	1,255,771	1,680,236
1983	7,733,184	3,704,858	4,028,326	4,743,159	2,418,082	2,325,077	2,990,025	1,286,776	1,703,249
1982	7,676,363	3,696,842	3,979,521	4,720,534	2,415,601	2,304,933	2,955,829	1,281,241	1,674,588
1981	7,568,053	3,628,236	3,939,817	4,691,642	2,383,935	2,307,707	2,876,411	1,244,301	1,632,110
1980	7,389,299	3,566,985	3,822,314	4,622,994	2,357,003	2,265,991	2,766,305	1,209,982	1,556,323
1979	7,040,027	3,423,007	3,617,020	4,417,857	2,249,294	2,168,563	2,622,170	1,173,713	1,448,457
1978	6,844,181	3,390,976	3,453,205	4,341,591	2,238,457	2,103,134	2,502,590	1,152,519	1,350,071
1977	6,935,618	3,508,329	3,427,289	4,484,342	2,345,309	2,139,033	2,451,276	1,163,020	1,288,256
1976	6,781,258	3,542,313	3,238,945	4,460,949	2,401,009	2,059,940	2,320,309	1,141,304	1,179,005
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	-2.6%	-3.3%	-2.0%	-3.2%	-3.8%	-2.6%	-1.8%	-2.4%	-1.4%
3 years ago	-0.5%	-1.2%	0.2%	-2.1%	-2.4%	-1.8%	2.1%	0.9%	2.9%
5 years ago	6.9%	4.7%	9.1%	4.0%	3.5%	4.5%	12.0%	7.0%	16.0%
8 years ago	11.0%	1.1%	21.8%	3.0%	-3.1%	10.0%	26.5%	10.0%	42.5%
Private Institutions									
1984	1,977,089	962,430	1,014,659	1,612,497	794,715	817,782	364,592	167,715	196,877
1983	1,973,987	973,463	1,000,524	1,620,548	808,855	811,693	353,439	164,608	188,831
1982	1,944,546	963,155	981,391	1,596,119	798,207	797,912	348,427	164,948	183,479
1981	1,936,918	949,769	987,149	1,600,263	796,866	803,397	336,655	152,903	183,752
1980	1,878,449	923,947	954,502	1,578,363	788,638	789,725	300,086	135,309	164,777
1979	1,780,630	882,455	898,175	1,507,044	757,512	749,532	273,586	124,943	148,643
1978	1,740,931	883,814	857,117	1,471,212	752,018	719,194	269,719	131,796	137,923
1977	1,719,023	891,579	827,444	1,459,482	762,363	697,119	259,541	129,216	130,325
1976	1,662,203	884,196	778,007	1,419,274	758,126	661,148	242,929	126,070	116,859
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	0.2%	-1.1%	1.4%	-0.5%	-1.7%	0.8%	3.2%	1.9%	4.3%
3 years ago	2.1%	1.3%	2.8%	0.8%	-0.3%	1.8%	8.3%	9.7%	7.1%
5 years ago	11.0%	9.1%	13.0%	7.0%	4.9%	9.1%	33.3%	34.2%	32.4%
8 years ago	18.9%	8.8%	30.4%	13.6%	4.8%	23.7%	50.1%	33.0%	68.5%

Table 5.--First-Professional Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education by Attendance Status, Sex, and Institutional Control: 50 States and D.C., Fall 1976-Fall 1984

	Total			Full-time			Part-time		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
First-Prof. Enrollment									
All Institutions									
1984	278,598	184,949	93,649	249,708	166,286	83,422	28,890	18,663	10,227
1983	278,529	188,096	90,433	249,636	169,071	80,565	28,893	19,025	9,868
1982	278,425	191,200	87,225	252,108	173,941	78,167	26,317	17,259	9,058
1981	274,595	192,936	81,659	248,328	175,414	72,914	26,267	17,522	8,745
1980	277,767	199,344	78,423	251,359	181,448	69,911	26,408	17,896	8,512
1979	263,404	193,363	70,041	238,949	176,394	62,555	24,455	16,969	7,486
1978	256,904	192,221	64,683	232,540	174,906	57,634	24,364	17,315	7,049
1977	251,357	191,451	59,906	226,318	173,165	53,153	25,039	18,286	6,753
1976	244,292	189,810	54,482	220,124	171,967	48,157	24,168	17,843	6,325
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	0.0%	-1.7%	3.6%	0.0%	-1.6%	3.5%	0.0%	-1.9%	3.6%
3 years ago	1.5%	-4.1%	14.7%	0.6%	-5.2%	14.4%	10.0%	6.5%	16.9%
5 years ago	5.8%	-4.4%	33.7%	4.5%	-5.7%	33.4%	18.1%	10.0%	36.6%
8 years ago	14.0%	-2.6%	71.9%	13.4%	-3.3%	73.2%	19.5%	4.6%	61.7%
Public Institutions									
1984	113,908	73,722	40,186	108,641	70,515	38,126	5,267	3,207	2,060
1983	113,422	74,938	38,484	108,320	71,728	36,592	5,102	3,210	1,892
1982	113,456	76,273	37,183	108,838	73,431	35,407	4,618	2,842	1,776
1981	111,739	77,562	34,177	107,302	74,695	32,607	4,437	2,867	1,570
1980	114,437	81,022	33,415	109,485	77,823	31,662	4,952	3,199	1,753
1979	106,148	77,122	29,026	101,922	74,259	27,663	4,226	2,863	1,363
1978	104,587	77,748	26,839	100,522	74,955	25,567	4,065	2,793	1,272
1977	103,090	78,189	24,901	98,011	74,476	23,535	5,079	3,713	1,366
1976	101,341	77,873	23,468	96,696	74,562	22,134	4,645	3,311	1,334
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	0.4%	-1.6%	4.4%	0.3%	-1.7%	4.2%	3.2%	-0.1%	8.9%
3 years ago	1.9%	-5.0%	17.6%	1.2%	-5.6%	16.9%	18.7%	11.9%	31.2%
5 years ago	7.3%	-4.4%	38.4%	6.6%	-5.0%	37.8%	24.6%	12.0%	51.1%
8 years ago	12.4%	-5.3%	71.2%	12.4%	-5.4%	72.3%	13.4%	-3.1%	54.4%
Private Institutions									
1984	164,690	111,227	53,463	141,067	95,771	45,296	23,623	15,456	8,167
1983	165,107	113,158	51,949	141,316	97,343	43,973	23,791	15,815	7,976
1982	164,969	114,927	50,042	143,270	100,510	42,760	21,699	14,417	7,282
1981	162,856	115,374	47,482	141,026	100,719	40,307	21,830	14,655	7,175
1980	163,330	118,322	45,008	141,874	103,625	38,249	21,456	14,697	6,759
1979	157,256	116,241	41,015	137,027	102,135	34,892	20,229	14,106	6,123
1978	152,317	114,473	37,844	132,018	99,951	32,067	20,299	14,522	5,777
1977	148,267	113,262	35,005	128,307	98,689	29,618	19,960	14,573	5,387
1976	142,951	111,937	31,014	123,428	97,405	26,023	19,523	14,532	4,991
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	-0.3%	-1.7%	2.9%	-0.2%	-1.6%	3.0%	-0.7%	-2.3%	2.4%
3 years ago	1.1%	-3.6%	12.6%	0.0%	-4.9%	12.4%	8.2%	5.5%	13.8%
5 years ago	4.7%	-4.3%	30.3%	2.9%	-6.2%	29.8%	16.8%	9.6%	33.4%
8 years ago	15.2%	-0.6%	72.4%	14.3%	-1.7%	74.1%	21.0%	6.4%	63.6%

Table 6.--Graduate Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education by Attendance Status, Sex, and Institutional Control: 50 States and D.C., Fall 1976-Fall 1984

	Total			Full-time			Part-time		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Graduate Enrollment									
All Institutions									
1984	1,114,184	576,609	537,575	465,025	268,275	196,750	649,159	308,334	340,825
1983	1,104,808	577,448	527,360	456,625	264,576	192,049	648,183	312,872	335,311
1982	1,089,962	570,606	519,356	446,702	258,712	187,990	643,260	311,894	331,366
1981	1,101,272	571,363	529,909	446,061	256,575	189,486	655,211	314,788	340,423
1980	1,099,652	571,617	528,035	446,973	260,337	186,636	652,679	311,280	341,399
1979	1,069,749	567,087	502,662	434,847	256,796	178,051	634,902	310,291	324,611
1978	1,080,717	583,499	497,218	431,405	260,760	170,645	649,312	322,739	326,573
1977	1,084,970	596,215	488,755	435,644	267,592	168,052	649,326	328,623	320,703
1976	1,084,649	601,884	482,765	431,418	269,269	162,149	653,231	332,615	320,616
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	0.8%	-0.1%	1.9%	1.8%	1.4%	2.4%	0.2%	-1.5%	1.6%
3 years ago	1.2%	0.9%	1.4%	4.3%	4.6%	3.8%	-0.9%	-2.1%	0.1%
5 years ago	4.2%	1.7%	6.9%	6.9%	4.5%	10.5%	2.2%	-0.6%	5.0%
8 years ago	2.7%	-4.2%	11.4%	7.8%	-0.4%	21.3%	-0.6%	-7.3%	6.3%
Public Institutions									
1984	693,427	341,696	351,731	295,144	167,965	127,179	398,283	173,731	224,552
1983	693,026	344,924	348,102	290,620	166,222	124,398	402,406	178,702	223,704
1982	687,110	341,383	345,727	284,083	162,388	121,695	403,027	178,995	224,032
1981	701,416	343,676	357,740	284,312	160,657	123,655	417,104	183,019	234,085
1980	710,821	349,030	361,791	287,606	164,415	123,191	423,215	184,615	238,600
1979	700,059	350,939	349,120	280,671	162,915	117,756	419,388	188,024	231,364
1978	703,207	358,945	344,262	275,674	163,869	111,805	427,533	195,076	232,457
1977	719,312	377,307	342,005	284,472	173,112	111,360	434,840	204,195	230,645
1976	729,600	387,838	341,762	285,016	176,313	108,703	444,584	211,525	233,059
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	0.1%	-0.9%	1.0%	1.6%	1.0%	2.2%	-1.0%	-2.8%	0.4%
3 years ago	-1.1%	-0.6%	-1.7%	3.8%	4.5%	2.8%	-4.5%	-5.1%	-4.1%
5 years ago	-0.9%	-2.6%	0.7%	5.2%	3.1%	8.0%	-5.0%	-7.6%	-2.9%
8 years ago	-5.0%	-11.9%	2.9%	3.6%	-4.7%	17.0%	-10.4%	-17.9%	-3.7%
Private Institutions									
1984	420,757	234,913	185,844	169,881	100,310	69,571	250,876	134,603	116,273
1983	411,782	232,524	179,258	166,005	98,354	67,651	245,777	134,170	111,607
1982	402,852	229,223	173,629	162,619	96,324	66,295	240,233	132,899	107,334
1981	399,856	227,687	172,169	161,749	95,918	65,831	238,107	131,769	106,338
1980	388,831	222,587	166,244	159,367	95,922	63,445	229,464	126,665	102,799
1979	369,690	216,148	153,542	154,176	93,881	60,295	215,514	122,267	93,247
1978	377,510	224,554	152,956	155,731	96,891	58,840	221,779	127,663	94,116
1977	365,658	218,908	146,750	151,172	94,480	56,692	214,486	124,428	90,058
1976	355,049	214,046	141,003	146,402	92,956	53,446	208,647	121,090	87,557
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	2.2%	1.0%	3.7%	2.3%	2.0%	2.8%	2.1%	0.3%	4.2%
3 years ago	5.2%	3.2%	7.9%	5.0%	4.6%	5.7%	5.4%	2.2%	9.3%
5 years ago	13.8%	8.7%	21.0%	10.2%	6.8%	15.4%	16.4%	10.1%	24.7%
8 years ago	18.5%	9.7%	31.8%	16.0%	7.9%	30.2%	20.2%	11.2%	32.8%

Table 7.--Unclassified Enrollment in Institutions of Higher Education by Attendance Status, Sex, and Institutional Control: 50 States and D.C., Fall 1976-Fall 1984

	Total			Full-time			Part-time		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
Unclassified Enrollment									
All Institutions									
1984	1,343,360	556,700	786,660	178,456	91,118	87,338	1,164,904	465,582	699,322
1983	1,374,153	579,860	794,293	191,082	99,203	91,879	1,183,071	480,657	702,414
1982	1,436,484	609,581	826,903	205,155	106,494	98,661	1,231,329	503,087	728,242
1981	1,490,834	632,752	858,082	194,956	100,047	94,909	1,295,878	532,705	763,173
1980	1,451,728	612,481	839,247	198,269	101,818	96,451	1,253,459	510,663	742,796
1979	1,416,089	616,965	799,124	195,342	102,897	92,445	1,220,747	514,068	706,679
1978	1,337,356	590,485	746,871	190,909	101,365	89,544	1,146,450	489,123	657,327
1977	1,294,819	601,442	693,377	187,139	101,871	85,268	1,107,680	499,571	608,109
1976	1,239,735	592,625	647,110	185,293	103,254	82,039	1,054,442	489,371	565,071
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	-2.2%	-4.0%	-1.0%	-6.6%	-8.1%	-4.9%	-1.5%	-3.1%	-0.4%
3 years ago	-9.9%	-12.0%	-8.3%	-8.5%	-8.9%	-8.0%	-10.1%	-12.6%	-8.4%
5 years ago	-5.1%	-9.8%	-1.6%	-8.6%	-11.4%	-5.5%	-4.6%	-9.4%	-1.0%
8 years ago	8.4%	-6.1%	21.6%	-3.7%	-11.8%	6.5%	10.5%	-4.9%	23.8%
Public Institutions									
1984	1,123,548	467,722	655,826	147,086	74,524	72,562	976,462	393,198	583,264
1983	1,143,102	485,318	657,784	157,016	81,035	75,981	986,086	404,283	581,803
1982	1,219,158	518,390	700,768	170,637	88,508	82,129	1,048,521	429,882	618,639
1981	1,265,824	537,326	728,498	163,249	83,594	79,655	1,102,575	453,732	648,843
1980	1,242,837	525,550	717,287	167,601	86,027	81,574	1,075,236	439,523	635,713
1979	1,190,588	517,911	672,677	160,697	84,652	76,045	1,029,891	433,259	596,632
1978	1,133,918	503,780	630,138	157,196	83,833	73,363	976,722	419,947	556,775
1977	1,088,973	509,330	579,643	155,996	85,097	70,899	932,977	424,233	508,744
1976	1,041,278	498,873	542,405	152,318	84,981	67,337	888,960	413,892	475,068
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	-1.7%	-3.6%	-0.3%	-6.3%	-8.0%	-4.5%	-1.0%	-2.7%	0.3%
3 years ago	-11.2%	-13.0%	-10.0%	-9.9%	-10.9%	-8.9%	-11.4%	-13.3%	-10.1%
5 years ago	-5.6%	-9.7%	-2.5%	-8.5%	-12.0%	-4.6%	-5.2%	-9.2%	-2.2%
8 years ago	7.9%	-6.2%	20.9%	-3.4%	-12.3%	7.8%	9.8%	-5.0%	22.8%
Private Institutions									
1984	219,812	88,978	130,834	31,370	16,594	14,776	188,442	72,384	116,058
1983	231,051	94,542	136,509	34,066	18,168	15,898	196,985	76,374	120,611
1982	217,326	91,191	126,135	34,518	17,986	16,532	182,808	73,205	109,603
1981	225,010	95,426	129,584	31,707	16,453	15,254	193,303	78,973	114,330
1980	208,891	86,931	121,960	30,668	15,791	14,877	178,223	71,140	107,083
1979	225,501	99,054	126,447	34,645	18,245	16,400	190,856	80,809	110,047
1978	203,441	86,708	116,733	33,713	17,332	16,181	169,728	69,176	100,552
1977	205,846	92,112	113,734	31,143	16,774	14,369	174,703	75,338	99,365
1976	198,457	93,752	104,705	32,975	18,273	14,702	165,482	75,479	90,003
1984 % change from:									
Previous year	-4.9%	-5.9%	-4.2%	-7.9%	-8.7%	-7.1%	-4.3%	-5.2%	-3.8%
3 years ago	-2.3%	-6.8%	1.0%	-1.1%	0.9%	-3.1%	-2.5%	-8.3%	1.5%
5 years ago	-2.5%	-10.2%	3.5%	-9.5%	-9.0%	-9.9%	-1.3%	-10.4%	5.5%
8 years ago	10.8%	-5.1%	25.0%	-4.9%	-9.2%	0.5%	13.9%	-4.1%	28.9%